

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9, and 17-23 have been allowed and remain in the application.

Previously allowed claims 24-27, however, have been cancelled.

If, for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the basis of this amendment and feels that a telephone conference would help clear up any unresolved matters, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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